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RECENT NEWS

The Executive Ethics Commission has released a redacted final report of the following OEIG investigation:

- *In re: Benjamin Macarthy*, 09-00654, involved a Department of Human Services (DHS) employee who violated DHS policy by steering a DHS client to his wife's business and forged a coworker's signature on an official DHS document.

The OEIG is pleased to announce the appointment of new staff:

- Donald Meeks, Supervisory Investigator, Springfield Office
- Melva Ryan, Ethics Training Compliance Analyst, Chicago Office
- Tiffany Stedman, Assistant Inspector General, Chicago Office

The OEIG has added a Revolving Door "Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ]" section to its website. Please visit our website to review commonly asked questions and their answers.

New OEIG Website Design



The OEIG recently launched its newly redesigned website. We are excited to introduce the first significant changes to the website since its inception.

The OEIG website provides Illinois citizens and State employees with current information involving OEIG activities. We made the OEIG website more user-friendly by providing users with easy navigation. The website now has easily accessible drop-down menus along the top of each of the site's pages. Visitors can immediately access information and services, such as:

- OEIG monthly electronic newsletters;
- monthly and quarterly OEIG reports;
- publicly released investigative reports;
- decisions of the Executive Ethics Commission concerning OEIG investigations;
- complaint forms and instructions;
- revolving door determination forms and instructions;
- OEIG Annual Reports and Policy Manual; and
- ethics officers' names and contact information.

The OEIG updates website content regularly and we encourage you to visit it for ethics-related information.

Sean Ginty

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Regional Transit Boards— OEIG To Assume Jurisdiction

Beginning July 1, 2011, the OEIG will serve as Executive Inspector General for the Regional Transportation Authority and its transit boards (Metra, the CTA, and Pace).

In light of the upcoming effective date, the OEIG has been meeting with representatives from each of the transit boards in order to provide transit board leadership with information about OEIG operations and procedures.

The OEIG has also informed Metra that as of July 1, 2011, we will accept all complaints it receives and, when appropriate, will open investigations. The OEIG will also conduct all pending investigations, including those initiated by Metra's present inspector general, Hillard Heintze, LLC. The OEIG staff looks forward to serving Illinois citizens this new role.

Cole Kain

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Calendar of Events: May 18, 2011 - Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza will introduce keynote speaker U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald at the National Association of Inspectors General National Conference in Chicago. **June 2, 2011** - Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza will meet with a delegation of inspectors general from the Interior Ministry of Turkey